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6. [] Met with Mr. James T. Kendall, Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigation, Senate Committee on Armed Services, who asked that the briefing he discussed with Mr. Maury for the staff be set up for next week. He mentioned again that he would appreciate some emphasis on the bomber threat in addition to treatment of the overall strategic threat against the United States.

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7. [] Met with Mrs. Partin, in the office of Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.), who gave me a constituent letter and enclosure from [] requesting information about the Central Intelligence Agency and assassination attempts against Fidel Castro. I told Mrs. Partin that I would provide her with a suggested reply for Representative Talcott's use in responding

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8. [] Met with Messrs. Frank Slatinshek and Russ Baldnford, House Armed Services Committee staff, and gave them additional detailed information about the [] They suggested that it would be well to brief Representative Hebert (D., La.) on this matter since the Committee will be conducting hearings on related matters early in the year.

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I also briefed Messrs. Slatinshek and Blandford on Lon Nol's physical condition and the situation in Cambodia, and Soviet pilot shortages.

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9. [] Met with Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, who gave me a listing of the Subcommittee structure and membership adopted by the Committee in yesterday's meeting.

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10. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who gave me a copy of the Subcommittee structure and membership of the Appropriations Committee together with an outline of the agencies transferred from the Independent Offices - H. U. D. Subcommittee. Representative John Slack (D., W. Va.) was transferred from the Defense Subcommittee to the Public Works Subcommittee. Representative John McFall (D., Calif.) was added to the Defense Subcommittee. I briefed Mr. Preston on Lon Nol's physical condition and the situation in Cambodia; the situation in Laos; SS-9; and Soviet pilot shortages.

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6. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. John Garrity, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee staff, who told me that briefings by the Secretary of Defense (who will be followed by various military commanders) are tentatively scheduled to begin on 4 March. The full Committee is expected to hold an organizational meeting later this week.

7. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Herbert Roback, Staff Administrator, Military Operations Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, who told me that the Chairman, Representative Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), is considering reassignment of Committee jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency to his own Subcommittee, the Military Operations Subcommittee, from the Moss Subcommittee on Government Information and Foreign Operations. Mr. Roback indicated that there is no indication that the Chairman intends to place demands on the Agency for briefings or otherwise. He noted that Mr. Holifield is completely well disposed toward the Agency and its activities, and in the past has kept up-to-date on the Agency through his membership in the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Mr. Roback thanked me for coming by and said he would keep me posted as the situation develops.

8. [REDACTED] Met with Messrs. Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, who told me that the rules of the House Armed Services Committee provide that members of the full Committee may attend any Subcommittee meeting and participate in the meeting without vote. They feel this rule may be troublesome for the subcommittee chairmen in the coming year.

I briefed Messrs. Blandford and Slatinshek on the Soviet acknowledgment of the current naval visit to Cuba, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was requested that further information be provided on the latter item.

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9. [redacted] I talked to [redacted] General
Counsel, NSA, who told me that the Director of NSA with the approval
of the office of the Secretary of Defense will be meeting with the
Chairmen and policy members of the Armed Services and Appropriations
Committees to bring them up-to-date on NSA activities and to upgrade
the present posture of NSA in congressional circles.

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25X1 1. [] Discussed with Darrell St. Claire, Chief Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the members and organization of certain committees in the new Congress and certain problems regarding some of the personalities involved.

25X1 2. [] Brief Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on recent Soviet naval developments.

Preston said that in view of the new rules laid down by the Democratic caucus, the group handling Agency affairs would probably no longer refer to itself as a "subcommittee" but would probably be spoken of only as "the group" or something of the sort. He said he foresaw no changes in the membership or procedures.

25X1 3. [] Briefed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, on recent developments regarding the Soviet navy.

Blandford said no decision has yet been made on how the Committee will handle Agency matters.

25X1 4. [] Met with Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio), of the House Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments including Soviet naval activity in Cuba and in the Atlantic, developments regarding advanced Soviet aircraft, changes in the Soviet Military Districts in Central Asia and the Far East and the general situation in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Minshall said that, although Secretary Laird had tried to explain to him what actually happened in connection with the Son Tay raid, he was still confused. I told him about the very limited role of the Agency, and said I couldn't throw much light on any other aspects of the operation. He said he understood from Laird that Agency reports had indicated the presence of American prisoners at the camp just six weeks before the raid. I said the

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